स्थिति के अनुसार	चावल	गेहूं	मोटे अनाज	जोड़
31 अक्तूबर, 1993(अ०) . . .	8.26	12.94	नगण्य	21 20
31 अक्तूबर, 1994(अ०) . . .	15.44	14.98	नगण्य	30.42

(अ०)=अनन्तिम

(ग) उचित भण्डारण की कमी के कारण 1994 में खाद्यान्नों की कोई हानि नहीं हुई।

(घ) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली/सम्पुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली में खाद्यान्नों का वितरण करने के अलावा स्टाक को कम करने के लिए किए जा रहे उपाय ये हैं :—

(i) गहूं और चावल की खुली बिक्री जारी रखना,

(ii) माडर्न फूड इंस्ट्रीज (इंडिया) लिमिटेड को कम मूल्यों पर गेहूं की आपूर्ति करना ताकि वे अपनी ब्रेड कम मूल्यों पर बेच सकें।

(iii) सम्पुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली की दरों पर अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति/अन्य पिछड़ी जाति के छात्रावासों आदि को खाद्यान्नों की आपूर्ति करना, और

(iv) गरीबी की रेखा से नीचे आने वाली खाद्य प्रसंस्करण संबंधी लघु इकाइयों को रियायती दरों पर खाद्यान्नों की आपूर्ति करना।

Licences for Sugar Mills

2774. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 507 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1994 and State the number of applications for licences for setting up of sugar mills received during the last three years and grounds on which they were rejected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : 246 applications were received through the Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Development for setting up of new sugar factories in various States of the country during the last three sugar years i.e. 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 (October—September): Applications have been rejected on grounds ranging from locational angle and/or non-availability of sugarcane, capacity constraints, etc.

Building up Sugar Buffer Stock

2775. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to build up sugar buffer stock;

(b) what is the reaction of the Civil Supplies Ministry to the sugar buffer plan :

(c) whether Government would consider the necessity of building the buffer stock which might go a long way in evening out fluctuations in open market prices ;

(d) the circumstances under which Government has permitted the Indian Sugar General Industry Import and Export Corporation to re-export around 12,000 tonnes it had imported under the Advance Licence Scheme of the 1992—97 policy ; and

(e) its impact on the open marke and the likely earning of foreign exchange from this export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) The matter regarding creation of buffer stock of sugar is under the consideration of Government.

(d) Indian Sugar & General Industry Export Import Corporation Limited had imported 12000 metric tonnes of raw sugar under Advance Licence Scheme under which it is obligatory on the part of the importers to export the white sugar obtained by reprocessing the imported raw sugar. Accordingly the Corporation has to export white sugar reprocessed out of imported raw sugar.

(e) This will have no impact on the open market. The likely earning of foreign exchange from this export is about US $ 42 lakhs.

Boosting Production of Foodgrain

2776. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to boost the production of foodgrains in the country during the year 1995-96 ;

(b) whether Government have constituted any task force for the improvement in agricultural production ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a)